

ROME,  
December 22,  
1907.

I have received your letter, which was as great, and as agreeable, a surprise as ever befell me. I can think nothing a greater honor than being remembered in this kindly and courteous fashion, by three such men; and it is a real reward for the trouble and thought I have so long given to this work of mine that it should have pleased such judges. We are starting for England about the 5th of January, and your Christmas present will reach me at our beautiful home at Stratford on Avon, where we earnestly hope some day to receive each and all the donors.

LONDON,  
January 9,  
1908.

On our return yesterday from the Continent we found the box. The pleasure and pride which its contents gave us surpasses, I think, anything of the sort that I remember. The cup is a noble piece; and the simplicity and singular beauty of proportion struck us much while fresh from Italian Museums, and impressed us with the notion that there must be much artistic feeling among silver-workers in America. I look forward to your seeing it on our dinner table. "We always have silver for our ornaments there; and none more valued than this. Such an expression from three such men will make it a real heirloom to a coming generation which is well able to appreciate it.

Koosevelt's reading of the third volume of the 'American Kevolution' was the inspiring cause of

two letters  
which come very near to being the most  
interesting of the  
series:

BOOSEVELT TO TREVELYAN

WHITE HOUSE,  
January 1,  
1908.

I look forward eagerly to your next volume.  
With one  
of the smaller fights with which you will have  
to deal, that  
of King's Mountain, I am fairly well  
acquainted. I made